

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on March 17, 2009. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of US Patent 6200279 (Paltieli et al.).

Although this is respectfully traversed, a terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome this rejection.

Claims 9, 10, and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 USC §101.

Claims 12-14 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Chalana et al. (US 7087022).

Claims 9-10 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Paltieli et al. in view of Pathak et al.

Although these rejections are respectfully traversed, claims 9, 10, and 12-14 have been canceled.

Accordingly, claims 1-2 are deemed allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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